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1 pair Goldlings, rising 4 and 5 years old, a good carriage pair, bays 1300 lbs.
1 Saddle Pony, 5 years old, broke single and double, a good one.
2 Registered Hereford Bulls, fit for service.
1 McCormick Mower, five foot cut, nearly new.

Dr. HARRINGTON, V.S.

The Western Globe.
Lacombe, Alta.

DELPHI HOTEL
LACOMBE, ALTA.

A Clean Up

January is our clearing up month, when we move out odd ends of winter goods.

SKATES

Boys' Hockey, Regular	.75	now	.50
Nickle Plated Hockey,	1.25		.75
Ladies' Hockey,	2.25		1.50
Acme Club	1.00		.50

A few Fancy Lamps at prices that will move them

There are many other things at proportionate reductions, but impossible to enumerate.

CALL and We WILL Show YOU.

Morrison & Johnston's
Hardware Implements Furniture

Of Local Interest

Norman E. Carruthers surprised his many friends by stepping off the express here on Christmas Eve. He received a hearty welcome home. The north country contains no charms for Mr. Carruthers.

At the annual meeting of Black-faldu local union U. F. A., held on Tuesday last, it was decided to carry on the union for another year. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, J. Barron; Vice-President, R. T. Atwood; Secretary-Treasurer, E. A. Wigmore.

A new departure for the Experimental Farm is the fattening of a carload of steers, which task Supt. Hutton has undertaken for this winter. The fattening values of different foods will be thoroughly tested and full and exhaustive records kept. This will be of the greatest benefit to the farmers of this district, and the results will be looked for with interest.

A large crowd turned out on Christmas night to the first hockey match of the season on the local rink, Red Deer v. Lacombe. The match was very fast and interesting, but our boys gave evidence of much skill, and should make a record before the season is over. The visitors made the first score, which scared the home team a trifle, and made them get down to work. When time was called the score stood 6 to 4, in favor of Lacombe. This was not a league game—just a friendly match. The game was remarkably clean, no slugging or dirty playing being in evidence.

Wanted at the Lacombe, Furniture Store, 10,000 muskrats, 400 coyotes, and 700 cow hides, to fill an order. Highest cash price paid.

To Our Customers

We thank you for your patronage during the past year and trust that our business relations have been mutually satisfactory.

We hope the New Year may be a happy one for you in every way including the disliked but unfortunately necessary pursuit of the Almighty Dollar.

McDERMID DRUG Co.
DAY BLOCK LACOMBE

"What is Cheapest in the End is Cheapest in the Beginning."

Fullerton & Lundy's BREAD
IS CHEAPEST IN THE END.
All kinds of Fruit Cakes, Pies, etc.
GANONG'S CHOCOLATES "The Finest in the Land"

We wish our many Customers and Friends
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We also wish to thank our Customers for their past favors, and will always appreciate their future business.

F. P. SWITZER

Shopping Hints

Are you in difficulty? Perhaps this little list of Gift Suggestions may help YOU.

GIFTS FOR WOMEN		GIFTS FOR MEN	
Belt Pins	Locketts	Ash Trays	Pencils
Bon Bon Dishes	Opera Glasses	Canes	Photo Frames
Brooches	Photo Frames	Cigar Cases	Pocket Knives
Charms	Perfume Bottles	Cuff Buttons	Scarf Pins
Collarettes	Rings	Fobs	Scarf Rings
Combs	Scarf Pins	Key Chains	Shaving Brushes
Crosses	Scissors	Locketts	Smoker's Sets
Desk Articles	Thimbles	Manducure Articles	Studs
Hat Pins	Travelling Clocks	Match Boxes	Tie Clips
Lorgnette Chains	Waist Sets	Military Brushes	Watch Chains
Manducure Articles	Watch Chains		

Our personal guaranty of quality goes with everything we sell—no matter how inexpensive. Come and look around.

C. R. DENIKE,
Jeweler and Optician
LACOMBE and CASTOR

ATTENTION FARMERS!

The Lacombe Produce Co. are buying Grain at the A. P. Elevator, Highest Prices Paid, Courteous Treatment and Just Weight, also Cash Paid for all kinds of Farm Produce.

Calgary-Flour, Bran and Shorts for Sale at lowest prices. Call and see us we give Satisfaction

LACOMBE PRODUCE Co.

SLAUGHTER SALE OF XMAS GOODS

To clear out the balance of our Toys and Fancy Goods we are offering them this week at very low prices.

TOYS AT HALF PRICE CHINA, ONE THIRD OFF

Some Great Bargains in Toilet Cases and Other Fancy Cases.

Mrs. G. G. MOBLEY, The Milliner,
NANTON STREET LACOMBE

- Friday -

Everything left over of our Fancy Christmas Stuff will be priced to clear on Friday. We won't require these goods till next December, so they will have to go now at a very small fraction of their value. This gives you an opportunity of selecting your New Year Gifts AT VERY LITTLE COST.

EVERYTHING

In Pin Cushions, Match Holders, Pipe Racks, and all Fancy Goods. Values up to 35c. for **15c.**
Values up to 75c. for **35c.**

You will find a good selection and prices below ANYTHING YOU HAVE SEEN.

MEN'S COMBINATION SETS

Of Suspenders, Arm Bands and Hose Supporters. In attractive box. Value up to 1.25 for 75c.

SANTA CLAUS STOCKINGS

Any size left goes at 5c.

CHOCOLATES in FANCY BOXES

15c. and 20c. sizes. Will go at 10c. each.

For Re-opening of School

You will want new Clothes, Shoes, Mitts, or Underwear for the children before starting to School, and we invite you to examine our stock before buying. Strong well made shoes at moderate prices. Underwear to fit any member of the family.



"LION Brand" Clothes for Boys

are popular with the boys because they possess as much style as the older brothers'. They are popular with the mothers because they wear better than any other make. Lion Brand Clothes have double knees, and double seats in knickers and double elbows in sleeves.

OUR CONSTANT AIM IS TO SERVE YOU BETTER

F. E. McLEOD

BARNETT AVE. - LACOMBE

Of Local Interest

Miss Winnie Lundy and Miss Nellie, of Edmonton, spent Christmas with relatives and friends in Lacombe.

Miss Melville, of Edmonton, is spending her Christmas holidays in Lacombe, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ramsey.

Mrs. (Dr.) Hynes and Mrs. J. G. Pratt left for Toronto on Monday night, where they will visit friends for a few months.

Misses Lola Murphy, Dora Talbot, Jessie Glass and Anna Archibald, who have been attending Normal School in Calgary, spent Christmas with their parents here.

Mr. A. Johnston, hardware merchant of Poncha, died in the Red Deer hospital on Saturday, from the effects of an accident. When on his way to visit friends near Innisfail, he was overtaken by a runaway team, which dashed into his rig, throwing him out under the horses' feet.

The first league hockey match will be held on Lacombe ice on Monday evening, January 3, between Stettler and Lacombe. This game promises to be a very fast one, Stettler having a good team, Kent and Lynn of Stettler, who have been engaged for the winter by our eastern neighbors.

The imported Clyde fillies which will be sold here by auction on 4th January, arrived in Lacombe on Monday in splendid condition. The shipment consists of twenty as fine specimens of the breed as have ever been brought to the west, being all blooky, well built animals. They may be seen at John Fortune's stables, where they will be kept until sale day.

Miss Inskip was at home to her many friends last evening, at the Adelphi. Between sixty and seventy guests were entertained in the large banquet hall, and the evening was pleasantly passed with progressive euchre and dancing. Miss Morson was the ladies prize, Mr. Young the gentlemen's.

The Optimist, Calgary's new weekly paper, edited by that well and favorably known writer, Jack Dorman, has been received at this office. The Optimist is without exception one of the best and brightest weeklies in Canada, and from the amount of patronage indicated by its advertising columns, has come to stay. The breezy editorials and bright articles which fill its pages cannot but find favor in the eyes of the western reader. We bespeak a long and prosperous career for The Optimist.

A quiet wedding took place in Lacombe on Monday last at St. Cyril's Church, when Miss Annie Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jenkins, of Calgary, and Mr. H. Tyrrell, of Puffer, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Rev. R. A. Robinson officiated. Only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present. After the ceremony the wedding party repaired to the Adelphi hotel, where the wedding breakfast was spread in the banquet hall, which had been nicely decorated for the occasion. About fifteen guests sat down to a most sumptuous repast. The happy couple left on the north bound express for Hardisty, and will take up their residence on their ranch near that place, where Mr. Tyrrell is a prosperous farmer.

The old year's most ready to take in his sign; his gait is unsteady—old Nineteen and Nine! He brought me some sorrow, some cream and some whey; he strung me, as Laura Jean Libbey would say, O, great was his promise, and great was his nerve; he fooled me, as Thomas Carlisle might observe. His start was so graceful! So coltish his wiles! And he had a face full of won't-come-off smiles: O, he was a dearie, when charming and young; and now he is weary and minus a lung. He's tired of the titlin', his shine are all barked; he's all in, as Milton, the poet, remarked. You'll soon see his hide on the fence of the year; he's done up, as Dryden once said, through his team. He seems almost human, this year old and gray, who goes to the tomb in his sorrowful way. For man has the habit of following fate, as though he would nab it, before it's too late; he gambles and prances, when morning is fair, and carols and dances, his heels in the air; at evening this bold one is given the hook; he's wiled, as Goldwin

Smith wrote in a book.—Walt Mason.

Stafford Boyd spent Christmas in Lacombe.

Miss Annie Poole, of Edmonton, spent Christmas with her parents here.

A couple of imported colts will be offered for sale at the big horse sale on the 4th inst.

Rev. T. O. Buchanan of Calgary, superintendent of Methodist Missions in Alberta, spent Monday in town.

Rev. A. D. Richard and wife of Camrose, spent a few hours in town on Monday, on their way to Stettler for a short visit.

Mrs. Jamieson and John spent Xmas in Calgary the guests of Mrs. Hirdley.

Next Sunday evening Rev. Powell will speak on the subject, "The barroom as a business proposition."

M. S. Auger, of Dawson City, Yukon, was in town this week looking after business interests here. He left on Tuesday evening for a visit to his old home in Toronto.

The Milton Branch U.F.A. will hold a meeting in Milton School House on Tuesday evening January 4, notice of which appears in another column.

Mayor Mooney left on Saturday night for a two weeks business visit to Manitoba ports.

R. A. Clark, of Wetaskiwin, spent Christmas in Lacombe.

Teacher wanted for Spring Valley School for the ensuing year. Applications stating experience, salary expected, etc., will be received by J. R. Donnanworth, Sec. Trans. Lacombe P. O.

The regular fortnightly dance will be held in the opera house Thursday evening. The music orchestra will provide the music.

J. W. Bengough, the world famous cartoonist and lightning sketch artist, will give one of his entertainments in the opera house here on Friday evening, January 6th, under the auspices of the Hospital Board. All who can should turn out and help the fund.

Children's 35 cents with only 20 cents this week at Mrs. Mobley's.

Percy Crow was up from Alis visiting his parents on Christmas.

The merchants all report a splendid Christmas trade. Some of them justifiably declare that their sales this month will more than double those of the same period in 1908. The features of the trading appear to be early buying, the purchasing of a better quality of goods, and the delight which people seem to take in spending their money more freely than ever before for Christmas gifts.

Sale of fancy newwear this week at Mrs. Mobley's.

We welcome back to the ranks of Alberta journalists Will Godson. Mr. Godson's new paper, "The Citizen," published at Stettler, is to hand. As was to be expected, The Citizen is a well edited paper and will rank among the leading weeklies of the province.

It has long been said that there are three kinds of lies, viz: "Lies, d—lies, and statistics"—to which must now be added, as a sort of second superlative, Cook's "discoveries."

Const. Wilson, of the R. N. W. M. P., stationed at Innisfail, while under the influence of liquor on Christmas Day, blew out his brains with a heavy revolver. Wilson is well known throughout this part of Alberta, having for some years been stationed at Red Deer.

A train service has been established between Lacombe and Castor, and beginning today a service will be provided on the new line from Klip to Carmangay. The train running between Lacombe and Castor will run daily except Sunday. It leaves Lacombe at 12:50 noon, and arrives in Castor at 1:50; then leaves Castor at 1:55, and is back at Stettler at 2:25, and leaves there all night and leaves at 9 a.m.

Homemen should keep in mind the date of the sale of pure-bred Clyde fillies, which will be held in Lacombe on Tuesday, January 4. This lot comprises 30 head of specially selected imported Clydes, said to be the choicest lot ever brought into Canada. S. W. Paisley will be the auctioneer.

Jeweler Hall, of Poncha, was a visitor in town over Christmas.

Mr. Riewick was the lucky winner of Mr. Tietworth's drawing competition which closed on Christmas Eve. 277 was the lucky number.

H. Day purchased 150 fine horses from Wm. Till, which were brought to town Tuesday from Rosbush Creek to be shipped to Lacombe. He also bought 110 horses from N. R. Dentrose, and they are now being rounded up for shipment. It is stated that a very good price was realized for all these animals, which are admitted to be some of the best in the district.—Glenloch Call.

One of the most enjoyable entertainments ever held in Lacombe took place last Wednesday evening when the children of the primary classes of the public school gave their pretty Christmas play. The little ones had their parts up to perfection, and their pretty costumes made a fair scene not often enjoyed. The only objection we have heard from those who attended was that the play was too short, and the suggestion has been made that it be reproduced. Miss Morson and Miss Crawford are to be congratulated on the good work done in training the youngsters. We were in error in stating that the entertainment was for the benefit of the hospital fund. The proceeds were to provide equipment for the school room.

Lacombe Checker Club.

At the second of the regular weekly matches held by the members on Tuesday, 20th inst., at the club-rooms, O. K. Barker Shop, the team chosen by M. B. MacDonald consisting of Messrs. MacDonald, Murphy, Ross, Thibaud, Slater, Mobley, Miller, Scott, Sage, Bucknell and Stephenson won by four games, over that chosen by H. A. Murphy consisting of Messrs. Murphy, Hamilton, Ross, Wain, Smith, Campbell, Gourlay, Cliff, Lundy, Harris, Stewart and Urquhart.

These matches are held every Tuesday evening.

The club has now a membership of sixty-eight. The fee is but \$1.00.

Each member has the privilege of inviting friends, non-residents of Lacombe, to the club rooms. Visitors in the town, interested in the great intellectual game, are always welcome.

Christmas Eve at Lockhart.

A very successful Xmas Tree Entertainment was held at the Lockhart school house on Friday evening, December 24th.

The school room was tastefully decorated with evergreens, and the blackboard showed that there were artists of the future among the pupils. The Canadian flag occupied a prominent place among the decorations.

The entertainment, commencing at 8 o'clock, was conducted by Mr. J. Robson who filled the chair in a very able manner.

The program consisted of recitations and songs by the school children, with several selections on the gramophone by the kindness of Mr. Jeffery.

The closing song, "Santa Claus" was followed by the appearance of that jolly old saint himself. Assisted by four young ladies, he at once set to work distributing presents from the tree to the delighted children.

The evening closed by a vote of thanks being tendered to Mr. Robson and to the teacher, Mr. Donaldson.

A New Old Year.

Whether we phrase our emotion for the last day of December with the poet, with the poet, or with the practical man of affairs, we arrive at the same minor chord. The poet sings, "Ring out the old!" The poet recalls remorsefully things done and left undone in the past three hundred and sixty-five days. The practical man exclaims, "Good riddance to bad rubbish! Make past history as soon as possible of the trouble of 1909!" So the year depicted as a tottering old man, is hustled off the stage.

Who set on foot the legend that our friend, The Year—Just Past, is a decrepit old fellow, whose soya, when it is not falling down beauty and grace, is used as a staff for his shrunken and trembling limbs? The Old Year is better pictured

as a robust, deep-chested woman, posing on her shoulder a basket of ripe corn, and gathering to her full cheeks the brilliant wealth of orchard and garden, the treasures of the months, poured out by the glad path as a reward for man's ardent toil. Not the feebleness of old age but the vigor of maturity, is the fit symbol of the year's end.

As the wise physician no longer practices blood-letting as a preparation for health, so the philosopher no longer looks back with tears upon the failures of the year. He battles himself rather for the future by recounting his meritorious successes, his experiences of love and compassion. If there have been storms and dark days, there have been also gracious sunshines and warm showers, and all have been wrought by a divine alchemy into the fruits of the season.

As the laborer looks back upon his toil, he sees the harvest of corn in the ear—not the blight nor the canker. He remembers that the gifts of experience, whether of pain or pleasure, come like the kindly fruits of the earth—so that in due time we may enjoy them!

FARMERS ATTENTION.

Milton Union United Farmers of Alberta.

A meeting will be held in Milton school house on Tuesday evening, January 4, at which Mr. Elie Sheppard, of Strathcona, vice president of the United Farmers of Alberta will talk on matters of vital interest to all farmers.

A discussion will follow on the need of a Government Pork Packing plant and government ownership of elevators.

All are cordially invited to attend.

Eureka Lodge No. 10 A.F. & A.M. Lacombe.

The interesting annual ceremony of Installation of Officers for the above Lodge took place on the evening of the 27th inst. in the Masque Hall.

There was a fairly large attendance, and W. Bro. L. B. Browne acted as Installing officer. The officers installed were as follows:

W. M.—Bro. A. M. Campbell.
S. W.—Bro. J. E. Orsinger.
J. W.—Bro. E. Tietworth.
S. D.—Bro. G. H. Hutton.
J. D.—Bro. A. D. Murphy (re-elected).

Secretary—W. Bro. L. B. Browne (re-elected).

Treasurer—Bro. W. N. Morrison.

Chaplain—Bro. Dr. W. J. Simpson.

S. H.—Bro. O. R. Bruce (re-elected).

J. S.—Bro. A. Ledingham.
D. of C.—Bro. P. H. Thibaud.

Tyler—Bro. D. W. Spio.

The installation was followed by the "Fourth Degree" which was put on in the happy manner usual with Eureka Lodge. This was followed by interesting speeches by members and visitors, and the evening closed with the Junior Warden's toast.

BORN.

CURTIS—At Lacombe, on Sunday, December 26, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Curtis, a son.

The peculiar properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have been thoroughly tested during epidemics of influenza, and when it was taken in time we have not heard of a single case of pneumonia. Sold by All Dealers.

To Farmers!

Is Your Property Insured? If not, why not? Your rate is low. You can get protection in a Company that will neither shave your claim, nor hold back your money, as cheaply as in a wild cat concern with a slightly out rate and a big policy fee. "The Guardian" is one of the Strongest British Companies and makes a specialty of farm business. If you have a loss your claim is settled and paid without waiting for an outside adjuster.

Have paid losses within 10 days of the date of the fire. That is worth something, but it costs nothing but a little good judgment as to your company. Insurance means surety or it means nothing. Insuring in a Company that has not made the full Government deposit is merely making a bet, you may be the loser. If they are not good enough for business men who have large risks are they good enough for YOU?

Insure your grain if you are holding it. A dollar or two will protect it for a short time, 5 minutes will do the business. JOHN McKENY, Lacombe.

WANTED—Good quarter section suitable for mixed farming. Owners apply to—Box 685, Calgary.

CLOSING OUT SALE OF LIVERY STOCK.

I will sell by Public Auction in Poncha, in front of my Livery Barn, on

SATURDAY, January 8th At 1 o'clock sharp, the following property:

15 HORSES: Team Sorrel Geldings, 5 yrs., 2500 lbs.; Two Brown Geldings, 7 and 8 yrs., 2800 lbs.; Team Bay Geldings, 5 and 7 yrs., 2000 lbs.; Black Gelding, 7 yrs., 1050 lbs.; Chestnut Gelding, 7 yrs., 1000 lbs.; Bay Gelding, 5 yrs., 1000 lbs.; Gray Gelding, 8 yrs., 1000 lbs.; Bay Gelding, 5 yrs., 1100 lbs.; Sorrel, purebred, 4 yrs., 1000 lbs.

IMPLEMENTS: Five cutters, some good as new; set light sleighs, 7 buggies, some good as new; surreys, democrat, dray, 6 sets light harness, a good democrat harness, heavy, 50 lb. stock saddle, ladies' saddle, jockey saddle, 6 heavy robes, 4 sets light robes, 3 foot waters (carbons), pair horseclippers, on stand; blankets, foris, brooms, shovels, lanterns, curry combs and brushes, and other accessories belonging to an up-to-date Livery Barn.

Owing to going into another business this stock will be sold at the highest bidder, without reserve.

TERMS: All under \$15 cash; over that amount, 11 months' time will be given on bankable notes bearing 8 per cent. interest, 5 per cent. off for cash. No property to be moved till settled for.

W. N. SHARP, O. STEPHENS, Auctioneers. T. W. HUTCHINSON, Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada, at its present session, for an Act for amending the Act incorporating the Company, chapter 99 of the Statutes of 1906, as amended by chapter 26 of the Statutes of 1909, by authorizing the construction of the following additional lines of railway:

(1) From a point on the Western Division of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway between the east limit of Range 12 and the west limit of Range 17, west of the third meridian, thence in a north-westerly and westerly direction to a point in the west limit of Range 20, on or near the line which the Company is authorized, under paragraph 14 of clause (1) of said chapter 99, to construct in Calgary.

(2) From a point on the proposed line mentioned in paragraph (1) between the east limit of Range 20 and the west limit of Range 26, west of the third meridian, thence in an easterly and southeasterly direction to Regina or to a point in the vicinity thereof.

(3) From a point on the proposed line mentioned in paragraph (2) between the east limit of Range 24 and the west limit of Range 27, west of the second meridian to Moose Jaw or to a point in the vicinity thereof.

(4) From a point on the Western Division of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway between Arthand and Wainwright, thence in an easterly and southeasterly direction to a point on the line which the Company is authorized, under paragraph 13 of clause (1) of said chapter 99, to be constructed to Battleford.

(5) From Regina or a point in the vicinity thereof, thence in a southeasterly and westerly direction to Lethbridge, or to a point in the vicinity of Lethbridge on the line which the Company is authorized, under paragraph 14 of clause (1) of said chapter 99, to construct from Calgary to the eastern boundary of the province of Alberta at or near Cattle.

(6) From a point on the main line of the Western Division between Moose Lake and Tejuca Cache, thence through the drainage of the Clearwater River, Bonaparte River, Selkirk and Anderson Lakes, and the Little River or the Squamish River or between the last two Rivers, to Vancouver, British Columbia, authorizing an issue of bonds to the extent of \$30,000.00 a mile of the said line of railway, numbered (1) to (3) inclusive and comprising the said lines within what are defined by the said Act as the "Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta Extensions" authorizing an issue of bonds to the extent of \$50,000.00 a mile of the said line of railway numbered (6) and comprising the said line within what is defined by the said Act as the "British Columbia Extension" and also amending paragraph 11 of clause (1) of the said Act as regards the southern terminus of the line thereby authorized to be constructed from Regina to the International Boundary at or near North Portal.

Dated at Montreal this 29th day of November, 1909.

W. L. BIGGAR, Solicitor for Applicants.

TALES FROM THE GOLDEN WEST.

1909
Is Now Nearing The Close:
Its Trials and Troubles
Its Worries and Woes
Are a Thing of The Past:
Let's Forget Them.

1910
Slowly Rises To View
With Hundreds of Blessings
And Pleasures for You
And Good Things Galore:
If You Open The Door
And Let Them Come In:
Then Just Let Them.
And Among The Good Things
That are Right at Your Hand
are

Old Royal Crown
The Best Soap in The Land
And The Beautiful Premiums for Coupons

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HOLIDAY SEASON IS ALMOST OVER

We thank you for the Liberal Patronage you have extended us the past few weeks and now we intend to show Our Appreciation by giving you the chance to get any of The Fancy China, Ladies Seal Leather Hand Bags, Work Baskets, Shaving Sets, Photo Frames in Gold, Etc. all of which were good value at Marked Price and are now Reduced 33 1/3%

WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Alberta Drug Co., Ltd.
J. H. ROSE, Mgr. Phone 7

Lacombe Iron Works

Watson & Frizzell, Props.
General Blacksmith Work of All Kinds
Horse Shoeing, Plow Work, Wood Work
Machine Work and Casting
Prices Right and Satisfaction Guaranteed.
NANTON ST. LACOMBE

We Have on Hand

One 8 horse Sweep power.
One 4 horse Sweep power and grinder.
One 8 horse gasoling engine.
One McCormick binder.
One Massey-Harris mower.
One DeLaval cream separator.
Two sets harness.
These are all goods that we have got in exchange for new machines and our prices on them are right. Besides that we will take, horses, cattle or grain in payment for them.
Call and look them over.
Here's your chance to get some bargains.

The Western Implement Co.
G. H. McFETRIDGE, Manager

IMPORTED Clyde Fillies

BY AUCTION AT LACOMBE
TUESDAY, January 4

TERMS—6 months credit on approved joint bankable notes; interest at 8 per cent.

S. W. PAISLEY, Auctioneer S. J. PROUSE, owner

Lacombe Planing Mill

Planing, Moulding, Matching
Custom Work Promptly Attended to.
Building Material and all kinds of Wood Work.

Wedding Bells

BOWEN-TRAYER.

A pretty wedding took place this (Wednesday) afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bowen, parents of the groom, when Henry Bowen, Jr., and Miss Marion Trayer, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Only relatives and the very near friends of the couple were present. The ceremony was performed under an arch of flowers and evergreens in the pretty parlor of the Bowen home, by the Rev. T. Powell. The bride was given away by Mr. A. M. Campbell, and looked decidedly pretty in a handsome gown of white striped net over satin, trimmed with pearls, and carried a bouquet of white carnations. Mrs. R. C. Murphy presided at the piano and rendered appropriate wedding music. After the ceremony the guests repaired to the dining room which was decorated in pink and white carnations and evergreens, and partook of the wedding breakfast. Mrs. R. C. Murphy, in her usual pleasing style, rendered that very pretty and appropriate song, "Love's Coronation," and Mr. R. C. Murphy was also called on for a vocal contribution.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowen took the evening train for the south, where they will spend their honeymoon. At the train the couple were given a great ovation from their many friends, and showered with rice and confetti.

Mrs. Bowen has had charge of the dressmaking department in A. M. Campbell's store for the past three years, and by her pleasing manner has won many staunch friends, who wish her a prosperous and happy married life.

RUSSELL-ATKINS.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Russell was the scene of a quiet wedding on Wednesday, when Mr. C. S. Russell led to the altar Miss C. E. Atkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Atkins, of Glenwater, Mass. Only the immediate friends of the parties were present, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. M. White. After the ceremony the party sat down to a dainty wedding breakfast.

The bride was the recipient of many useful and costly presents.

A large number of friends assembled at the station in the evening and the happy couple were showered with confetti and rice, and accompanied by wishes for future happiness and prosperity took the north express for their future home at Wavy Lake, Alberta.

During the bride's short residence here she has made herself very popular among the young people, who are sorry to see her leave Lacombe, but all wish her every happiness in her new home.

Coming to Canada.

It is many years since our neighbors saw the wisdom of restricting immigration, but with regard to departure they exercise only moral suasion. This bears a striking resemblance to the fiscal policy, which is designed to exclude all lines of goods, exports, on the other hand, being saved from obstruction by constitutional provisions. The Japanese take the opposite view, and chiefly regarding the supervision of emigration, all who go abroad being required to furnish security that they will return if wanted. This shows that East is East and West is West. The American agitation against the migration to Canada is the only serious move our neighbors have made in the direction of retaining population, but it is having no appreciable effect. It is not natural personality that makes Canada eager to obtain what the Americans desire to keep, but it shows that good people, like all good things, are appreciated. We open our arms to the immigrant from the United States chiefly because he makes an excellent citizen, but partly because he may be the son of someone who left the Dominion when our conditions were less attractive. He comes because good land, good climate, and good wages are also among the good things appreciated.

Miss Kitty McDermid, of Edmonton, is spending the holidays with friends here.

Council Meeting.

The last session of the 1909 council was held last night, and a large amount of business was transacted.

The Health Officer made his annual report, and stating that the town was in a very satisfactory sanitary condition. He reported that during the year three cases of typhoid originating here were recorded.

Manager Tett reported that the Electric Plant was at present time self sustaining.

Constable Miller reported that all connections with the drain had been cut off for the winter.

The report of the auditor was received and adopted, and will be published shortly.

All accounts to hand were passed and ordered to be paid.

A resolution was passed that all taxes on personal property be collected forthwith by distraint.

Council adjourned until Friday evening.

Nation-Building in the West.

Significant indeed is an analysis of our immigration statistics. As has been pointed out often of late, the Canadian West is chiefly drawing upon two sources of supply for its settlers. These are Great Britain and the United States. The Eastern provinces of the Dominion and the continental countries of Europe also contributed considerable numbers, but the efforts to secure settlers are not put forth in these lands that are in the first named countries. About the same measure of success is attending these efforts in each country. In Great Britain it is doubtless easier to incline the people towards Canada, but harder to get them started, for fewer have the means necessary for the long journey. Then, too, fewer agencies are at work securing settlers for Canada. The task is practically left to the Dominion Government, and the railway companies. Strong opposition is encountered from other immigration agencies. These are busy inducing people to go to Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and the ends of the earth.

In the United States, on the other hand, while governments and corporations are less active in their efforts, private initiative is much more in evidence, and it may safely be said that the "American Invasion" is the outcome of deep-seated plans laid broadly, wisely and well. The greater average wealth of the farmers in the Middle Western and Western States when compared with that of British emigrants, and the shorter distance to be travelled, materially aid the efforts of these private companies. So, too, does the fact that they have not to fight the counter attractions of other emigrant-seeking agencies; but merely have to overcome the natural inertia and inherent conservatism of humanity.

But what will be the effect upon Western Canada of this re-mingling of two widely divergent streams of blood originally from a common stock? Will confusion and disaster result? The pessimist and alarmist tells us from time to time that annexation by our southern neighbors will be the outcome of the "invasion" from the United States. Happily this theory is nearly exploded and merely raises a laugh wherever advanced. Our Southern cousins very evidently have troubles and problems enough of their own to fight and solve without acquiring such a thorn in the flesh as an annexed Canada would prove to be, even were such annexation practicable.

No, Providence has a purpose in mingling again, upon the broad and fertile prairies and under the sunny skies of the last and best West, the long divergent strains of Anglo-Saxon blood. Depend upon it, it is no chance happening, but a matter of omniscient ordering. Nor is the purpose hard to perceive; would that its accomplishment were as easy. Yet then the purpose would be defeated!

To any student of history the providential object will appear to be the forging of a great link—the greatest link—in that mighty chain which shall one day bind together the two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon race that they may better further the cause of the world's freedom. On these plains Britons and Americans will

inter-marry—are inter-marrying—to a greater extent than elsewhere upon the earth. As a result may there not be built up a race of men and women embodying the best characteristics of both races; uniting in their nature the steadfastness, thoroughness and conservatism of the Briton with the energy, resourcefulness and virility of the American?

Certainly the workshop for this great feat in nation building has been well chosen. It has been said that a nation is the marriage of a people to a country. The physical basis of union in this instance—the country—is all right. If the people will but be true to the best traditions of their respective races there will be small cause for alarm as to the character of the resulting nation.—Ex.

The Cussing Habit.

The jackal is a beastly beast; and when it hankers for a feast, it has no use for nice fresh meat; the all-fired fool would rather eat some animal that died last year; and so the jackal, far and near, is shunned by self-respecting brutes, and slugged with rocks and bricks, and boots. And men whose language is decayed, who make profanity a trade, are like the jackal of the wild, that hunts around for things decayed. In all your rounds you'll never find a healthy, clean and gentle mind possessed by any son of wrath whose language needs a Turkish bath. On great occasions there's excuse for turning ring-tailed cusswords loose; the Father of his country swore at Monmouth and then cussed some more; that patient soul, the Man of Uz, with boils so thick he couldn't buzz, ripped off some language rich and brown, until old Balaam called him down. Great men, beneath some awful stroke, let loose remarks that fairly smoke, and we forgive them as we write the story of their deeds of might. But little men who wear, and sugar, and thus pollute our common air, are foul and foolish as the frogs that tramp their native bogs.

WALT MASON.

Many persons find themselves affected with a persistent cough after an attack of influenza. As this can be promptly cured by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy it should not be allowed to run on until it becomes troublesome. Sold by All Dealers.

The Alop claim, which has been in dispute between the United States and Chile for over a quarter of a century, is to be settled by King Edward VII as arbitrator. The claim involves about one million dollars, and is based upon concessions made to a syndicate of Americans by Bolivia. The territory in question has since become a part of Chile, and that country has failed to keep its promise to recognize the rights of the Americans. Instead of resorting to The Hague tribunal, the two countries agreed to ask a disinterested ruler to settle the dispute, as was the old custom when countries preferred arbitration to war, and no doubt justice will be done by King Edward's decision.

Hospital Fund.

O. Palmer, \$5.00
J. W. Johnston, 5.00

LOST.

2 bay mares and 2 sucking colts, 1 black and 1 bay. The mares branded SY connected on left rib, bay colt has a white spot on forehead. Fifteen dollars reward will be paid to anyone bringing the horses to Fortune's Livery Barn, Lacombe.

RAYMOND JENNER,
Lewistown.

LOST.

Within the last two or three weeks, 1 light grey mare, 5 years old, branded on left hip, weight 900 lbs.; dark iron grey filly coming three years, weight 900 lbs., branded on left shoulder; dark bay 2 year old filly, no brand, 1 hind foot and fetlock white, rather chunky; light bay yearling past, small wire out above knee and across nose, mixed gaited, sire "Old Banner." Big horse colt, 2 years old past, wire mark on each front foot, white hind legs, white star and spot on nose, rather leggy. Any information reasonably rewarded. Information by mail or phone to P. H. Lowe, Blackfalds.

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C. & E. LAND CO. MUST PAY TAXES.

Important Decision by the Supreme Court.

The appeal from the order of Chief Justice Sifton, confirming the return of the tax commissioner of the department of public works in respect of local improvement district No. 607, was dismissed by the Supreme Court on basis on Monday.

The taxes in arrears in respect of which the order for confirmation was made were those of the year 1906, which were imposed under the authority of the act of 1903. The party assessed was the Calgary and Edmonton Land Company, to whom patent issued only on the 19th of June, 1907.

The act of 1903 provides that "the council may cause to be levied in each year, a tax upon every owner or occupant in the district for all land owned or occupied by him. "Owner," according to the act included any person who had any right, title or estate whatsoever or any interest other than that of a mere occupant of land.

The question to be decided by the Supreme Court on banc was whether the patentee was liable to assessment in respect of the land in question prior to patent, so as to admit of the application of the provisions of the act, whereby ultimately, in default of payment, the land should be "absolutely vested in his Majesty freed from all liens, mortgages and incumbrances."

As a result of the judgment of Chief Justice Sifton, before whom the case was first argued in Calgary on December 16th, 1908, and which has been upheld by the full court through the dismissal of the appeal of the C. & E. Land Company, the province may collect on the lands of that company in arrears for over two years. On non-payment of the taxes within a year the land in question, which include some 50,000 acres become forfeited to the province.

If you don't know the Pipe Man you ought to—McLear is his name.

Grace Church Entertainment.

The Methodist Sunday School had their Xmas entertainment on December 22nd and it proved to be a very enjoyable evening. The program was given entirely by the children and every number was enjoyed by the audience. The dialogue by the boys and the drill by the girls were especially good. At the close of the program Santa Claus appeared on the scene with a large sack upon his back, from which he brought something for every child.

Xmas services were held in the Methodist Church on Sunday last. The morning service was for the boys and girls and Mr. Powell spoke to them on "The Meaning and Message of Xmas." In the Sunday School in the afternoon the children made a Xmas present to the Hospital among the Gallies, situated at Paken, Alberta. About \$10.00 will be sent to help the children in the hospital there. The evening service saw the church filled to the doors and the subject was "A Vision of Life." Mr. Powell took for his text the words of Jesus, "I came that ye might have life," and showed that the coming of Christ to the world meant longer, richer, fuller life. The subject was viewed from the Industrial, Social and Religious side, and in all these departments of life, the coming of Christ, and the teaching of Christ had brought about untold good. Special Xmas music was rendered by the choir both morning and evening.

Lochlar Notes.

About two months ago a literary society was formed here, composed of citizens of Lochlar and Bismark. Meetings are held every alternate Wednesday. The organization took place at A. W. Archibald's. Then followed meetings at Jas. McFetridge's, C. A. Kirk's, and N. Taylor's. Our next gathering is to be at R. J. Macleay's. Thus far our entertainment consists of vocal and instrumental music, speeches, recitations, readings and dialogues. Great interest is manifested, and these societies are so doubt productive of much good. The social facilities are developed and con-

dence is acquired by those participating. A. W. Archibald, chairman and Miss Fisher, teacher in Bismark, secretary.

Our Xmas tree entertainment was held in the Wolfville school house on Wednesday evening and the verdict of all as far as could be ascertained, was an exceptionally enjoyable time. About one hundred were present. Among those from a distance were Rev. Mr. Murray and the Misses McLean. A short literary program was rendered, then A. W. Ogilvie, in his quality way, acted as Santa Claus. His performance called forth cheers from the audience. The tree bore all manner of fruits and there were many surprises. Then followed the dance—three sets stepping to the music. Messrs. G. Taylor and Roland Bros. performed on the violin, with Mrs. Mauley and Miss Laura Taylor at the organ. We cannot refrain from referring to the "Caledonia" by C. S. Reynolds and others. This dance elicited much applause. At about 11 o'clock a lunch was served followed by dessert. On the same evening of our Xmas tree for the children, a dance was held at Fred McFetridge's.

Miss Anna Archibald arrived in Lochlar Friday evening from the Normal School, Calgary. This young lady was again successful in her examination, and is to take charge of the Ferry Bank school for 1910.

Thos. McFetridge and Wm. Bambrick arrived recently from B. C.

A shooting match was held at Mr. Ogilvie's on Thursday. Goose was the reward of the successful marksmen. Cleve Gardiner won 2, Wm. Taylor 3, Wallace Archibald 1, Levi Hurley 1.

Quite a large skating party had a grand time Xmas night on Muskog Lake.

How to Water-Proof Cloth.

For rain coats or other water-proof clothing, woolen goods having a close weave are the best. Use goods in which the face is smooth and firm, although cloth having a soft face answers fairly well, provided the weave is tight

and close. To water-proof the cloth, lay it out on a large table face up. Then take a block of paraffine about six inches square and rub it all over the face of the cloth, bearing down hard. This will leave a thin film of paraffine on the face of the cloth. Melt this film of paraffine into the goods, using a flat iron that is just warm. Too hot an iron will set the paraffine on fire and burn the goods. It is well to experiment with a small sample first, and learn how to do the water-proofing properly before starting in with a pattern of goods. To determine when the sample is properly water-proofed hold it in a kind of bag, with the face in, and pour in some water. If the water-proofing has been properly done the water will not wet the face of the cloth, but it will stay in globules and not as if it were on a greased board or hot stove.

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CANADIAN CROPS WORTH \$532,992,100

Report Shows Increase Over Last Year is Approximately \$100,000

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The market value of the field crops of Canada this year is estimated by census and statistics office in a bulletin issued today at \$532,992,100, an increase of no less than \$100,458,100 over last year's harvest. The total acreage under crop this year is given as 80,068,556 as compared with 77,505,665 acres last year.

Of the increase in value of crops \$54,640,000 is due to larger yields of wheat and barley. A little over 10,000,000 is credited to the hay crop. Three and one half millions of rye, peas, buckwheat, mixed grains and flax, and six and a quarter millions to vegetable crop. The total wheat crop this year is placed at 167,744,000 bushels, valued at local market prices at \$141,320,000.

Of this 150,649,000 bushels were spring wheat raised from 7,088,800 acres valued at \$126,478,000. Spring wheat with an average of 21.33 bushels to the acre brought an average return of \$17.50 per acre as against 16 bush-

els and \$12.84 per acre in 1908. Fall wheat with a yield of 24.31 bushels per acre shows a value of \$32.93 per acre as against 24.40 bushels and \$21.10 in 1908.

The total value of the wheat harvest in the northwest provinces is \$121,500,000 and in the rest of the Dominion \$10,700,000 as compared with \$72,424,000, and \$108,800,000 last year.

For the year crops of the Dominion's oats show averages of 38 bushels and \$13.16 per acre as against 31.66 bushels and \$12.15; barley 29.79 bushels and \$22.25; rye 18.78 bushels and \$13.73; peas 20.17 bushels and \$14.46; buckwheat 27.64 bushels and \$16.12 against 24.55 bushels and \$14.47; mixed grain 33.31 bushels and \$18.75 against 32.73 bushels and \$17.43; flax 15.98 bushels and \$19.94 against 10.76 bushels and \$10.46; beans 23.67 bushels and \$38.61 against 27 bushels and \$38.08; corn for husking 54.62 bushels and \$96.19 against 62.45 bushels and \$93.32; potatoes 192.96 bushels and \$70.88 against 132 bushels and \$63.24; turnips and other roots \$85.92 bushels and \$73.36 against \$73 bushels and \$64.58; hay 1.44 tons and \$16.11 against 1.39 tons and \$14.84; fodder corn 10.80 tons and \$56.06 against 11.27 tons and \$45.35; and sugar beets 860 tons and \$50 against 10.07 tons and \$53.72 per acre.

The value of field crops in the provinces is:
Prince Edward Island \$ 9,213,900
Nova Scotia..... 22,319,300
New Brunswick..... 18,150,900
Quebec..... 90,071,000
Ontario..... 200,598,000
Manitoba..... 74,420,600
Saskatchewan..... 97,677,900
Alberta..... 20,741,000

In 1908 the value of crops was—
Prince Edward Island \$ 9,408,000
Nova Scotia..... 20,088,000
New Brunswick..... 18,042,000
Quebec..... 80,896,000
Ontario..... 186,308,000
Manitoba..... 66,660,000
Saskatchewan..... 37,614,000
Alberta..... 14,522,000

The condition of the new crop of fall wheat this year was 93.330 of a standard as compared with 76 per cent last year.

In Alberta there was an increase of ten per cent over the area sown last year. These estimates are based on the reports of a large staff of reliable correspondents appointed by the department of agriculture in every province of the Dominion. In the prairie provinces, supplementary reports were also received from over 1,000 postmasters. Details as to the quantities of various crops in each province will be given in next month's bulletin.

Mr. R. B. Bennett, M. P., thinks former United States people living in Alberta and Saskatchewan are not so loyal to the Empire and the Dominion as they ought to be, and urges the people of the older provinces to do missionary work among them to prevent secession. Mr. Bennett is a politician who has gained most of his distinction by misjudging the views and sentiments of his fellow Albertans. Apparently he is not content to rest on his past achievements in this line, spectacular though some of them be.

According to advice received the Attorney-General's department has handed out an important decision which will be of interest to all farmers and threshermen in Alberta. It appears that a threshing man in the neighborhood of Cowley was under the impression that he could enter a farmer's premises at anytime and take enough grain to pay for the threshing; providing the account was not paid on demand, claiming that the Threshers' Lien Act gave him the right to break into a granary to secure the grain. The Attorney-General has decided that a threshing man has no such rights under the Act. His decision is that to benefit under the Act a threshing man would have to remove the grain directly from the machine. The Act gives him no authority, he claims to enter a man's premises and take the grain forcibly from the granary, and that a farmer is within his rights in defending his property.

BORN.

SMITH—At Chigwell, on Saturday Dec. 25, to Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Smith, a daughter.

The greatest danger from influenza is of its resulting in pneumonia. This can be avoided by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as it not only cures influenza but counteracts any tendency of the disease towards pneumonia. Sold by All Dealers.

A purse containing a small sum of money was picked up on the street and may be secured on the owner proving property and paying for this advt.

Tenders For Indian Supplies.

Sealed Tenders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tenders for Indian Supplies," will be received at this Department up to noon on Friday, 14th January, 1910 for the delivery of Indian supplies during the fiscal year ending the 31st March, 1911, duty paid at various points in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Forms of tender containing full particulars may be had by applying to the undersigned. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

J. D. McLEARN,
Secretary.

Dept. of Indian Affairs,
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Contract to Cut Wood.

Contract to let for the cutting of 200 cords wood, in 4 ft. lengths. (Three miles from town. Apply J. Flack, at farm.

The Strength of Western Wheat.

For many years it has been the proud boast of the Canadian west that Manitoba wheat was the strongest milling wheat in the world, and for that reason commanded the top of the market. This claim is no longer unchallenged. "Milling," a leading weekly organ of British and Irish millers, in its issue of November 27th says editorially: "The new Manitoba wheat is much weaker than the old, the difference in the market value of the same grades being about one shilling per cent in favor of last year's Spring wheat. One reason for this disparity in the price of the two crops is probably the scarcity of the old wheat, while the new is plentiful, but we fear the main cause is the weakness of new Northern Manitoba. Spring American wheat is very much stronger. The Manitoban wheat makes flour which holds a full quantity of water, but it does not make such a lofty loaf as Spring American or good Russian. The new Manitoba wheat seems to be of a similar character to Hungarian wheat, in that the loaf from it retains a large percentage of water, while its size is only small. Millers who buy wheat which will give the baker loaves will probably meet their requirements best by buying good Russian, as this can be obtained at a moderate price compared with No. 1 Hard Duluth. It may be that as the Canadian wheat fields extend west and north the new land does not produce such strong wheat as was formerly grown near Winnipeg, or it may be that the old land has been cropped so often that the wheat from it is weaker than it used to be. In any case Manitoba wheat has not the reputation for strength which it once had."

There is nothing in the suggestion that the old land in Manitoba is producing weaker wheat because of long cropping, as today our own millers seek eagerly for the small heavy red berry which comes from the oldest cultivated districts in Southern Manitoba, the Portage la Prairie and Carberry plains. But the statement that the Canadian western wheat reaching British markets has less milling strength than it had a few years ago is not to be entirely denied, and that the British miller is awakening to this fact is no surprise to those who have been following closely the trend of wheat growing in the Canadian west. Enormous new areas of land are being brought under cultivation and in a country so vast as the Canadian west there must undoubtedly be variations in soil and climate, which to some extent at least will affect the quality of the crop grown thereon. But these things would not in themselves have produced a change sufficiently radical to call forth the above editorial, had it not been for the extent to which new varieties of wheat have been tried in the new and the more northerly sections of the west. The reputation of Manitoba wheat was made and has been maintained on the variety known as Red Fife. For years there has been a desire on the part of farmers for a wheat that would ripen earlier than Red Fife, and governments and individuals have been experimenting with hybrids. It was not very difficult to secure a variety that would ripen earlier than Red Fife, but to secure a variety that would retain the splendid milling qualities of the Red Fife has proved an altogether more difficult undertaking. At the present time very large quantities of Preston, Stanley, Haron, and Percy wheats are being grown, especially in Northern Saskatchewan, and in Northern Alberta, and to some extent in Northern Manitoba. The actual milling value of these wheats does not seem to have been sufficiently tested. They look well, ripen earlier, have a good color and weight heavily, but it is a significant fact that Canada's large milling companies are not eager to draw their supplies from districts where large quantities of these varieties are grown.

The question of continuing to grow these varieties of wheat and of increasing the cultivation of the same is a pertinent one at the present time, as the provincial governments are now arranging for their winter campaign of meetings among the farmers, and this most important subject is one that

is sure to come up for discussion. The danger of Red Fife wheat not ripening early enough to escape frost is one which experience has taught may be largely overcome by thorough cultivation of the land and earlier sowing. If it is felt to be necessary to continue the growing of the hybrids it may be advisable that some scheme should be devised to sell them under a separate name or grade. One thing is certain, and that is the Canadian West cannot afford to have the milling standard of her wheat lowered in the markets of the world. It must be born in mind that Russia has almost unlimited quantities of land on which hard wheat, almost, if not quite, equal to our own in milling value, can be grown, and she is extending the cultivation of these lands with amazing rapidity and is one of Canada's most active competitors in the British wheat market. The question is too large and the interests involved too great to be adequately dealt with in a single article, but the mere fact that a journal so widely read by the British trade as "Milling" should challenge the strength of our wheat shows the necessity of farmers and governments taking up the matter and thoroughly thrashing it out.

THE DUBOIS CASE.

Court Ex Sane Discussed the Brand Rights.

The case of the king vs. Jack Dubois accused of cattle stealing, was decided by the supreme bench sitting on Monday, in favor of the crown, which had appealed for a decision of the supreme court judge A. D. Beck handed down at Red Deer last August, dismissing the action brought by the crown.

The steers over which the action was brought was found in the possession of Dubois on May 9 last. It was marked with the Hatley ranch company's brand, and also with Dubois' newer brand, and was three years old. When found it was in a herd of animals belonging to the Hatley ranch, 40 miles from the Hatley range. The herd was in charge of Dubois' 18-year-old son, who was being driven towards the Dubois barn. The steer in question had been missing for a long time. After stating the facts of the case, Chief Justice Sifton called attention to two points of law:

1. That when cattle are branded, and the brand recorded, it is prima facie evidence that the cattle are the property of the registered owner.

2. The accused must prove that the cattle came lawfully into his possession, unless he can show that he came by them without his knowledge, sanction or approval.

Then he added:

"The stockman accused is admittedly a stockman of long and varied experience in all ranges in this country and the continent and I think it may be taken as an axiom that no honest stockman will brand a three-year-old steer without careful examination, unless he has lately purchased it from a known and reputable person, and even then it would be much wiser if he did exercise care, and see that no so-called accidents occur. According to the evidence it would appear that alleged respectable ranchers and stock-buyers do sell, do ship, do kill and do brand cattle which do not belong to them, which raises a strong presumption that there may be numerous cases which not being found out soon enough, result in financial benefits to the so-called respectable people, and undoubtedly place them in the position of being cattle thieves, under section 489 of the criminal code. And I am unable to see that the evidence places Dubois in any better position."

Charge Not Well Founded.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—The special committee of the governors of the University of Toronto, appointed to report upon Hon. S. H. Blake's allegation concerning religious teaching in the university, and the charge that "the teaching of religious knowledge in University college is ultra-ritual," reported today. The concluding paragraph says: "The committee is of the opinion that the complaint that the clergy have been taught in Univer-

sity college, contrary to the statute is not well founded, though the inquiry which the committee has conducted has shown that in a few isolated instances a teacher has encroached on a few isolated instances of a teacher has encroached on the domain of theology. The committee recognizes it as fundamental that the teachers in University college must not trespass upon the field of theology and recommends that the board of governors through the president direct them accordingly."

Regarding the legal aspect, a sub-committee was appointed consisting of Sir Chas. Moss, Sir Wm. Meredith, Dr. Hoskin, K. C., and E. A. Lamb, K. C., who report that the sole limitations are that University college must not give instruction in theology.



EXTRACTS FROM THE BILL RELATING TO PRIVATE BILLS.

52. All applications for Private Bills, properly the subject of legislation by the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, within the purview of "The British North America Act, 1867," whether for the erection of a bridge, the making of a railroad, tramway, turnpike road, telegraph or telephone line, the construction or improvement of a harbour, canal, lock, dam, slide, or other like work; the granting of a right of ferry; the incorporation of any particular trade, or calling, or of any joint stock company; or otherwise for granting to any individual or individuals, any exclusive or peculiar rights or privileges whatever, or for doing any matter or thing, which in its operation would affect the rights or property of other parties, or relate to any particular class of the community; or for making any amendment of a like nature to any former Act, shall require a notice, clearly and distinctly specifying the nature and the object of the application, and where the application refers to any proposed work, indicating generally the location of the work, and signed by or on behalf of the applicants, such notice to be published, during two months, between the close of the next preceding Session and the time of the consideration of the petition, in four issues of The Alberta Gazette, and of one other newspaper, published in English; and within two weeks from the first appearance of such notice in the said Bill, with a receipt from the Provincial Treasurer for the sum of one hundred dollars, if the said Bill does not exceed ten pages, and ten dollars additional for each page over that number, and for the purposes of this Rule 450 words shall be held to constitute a page and also in the case of a bill incorporating a company, a receipt from the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies for such sum as would be payable by the applicant or applicants for the incorporation of a company with a similar capitalization to the capitalization of the company sought to be incorporated by such bill, shall be placed by the applicant in the hands of the Clerk of the House, whose duty it shall be to get the said Bill printed forthwith. Copies of the newspapers containing the first and last insertion of such notice shall be sent by the parties inserting such notice to the Clerk of the House, to be filed amongst the records of the Committee on Standing Orders.

TABLE OF FEES TO BE PAID TO THE REGISTRAR OF JOINT STOCK COMPANIES UNDER RULE 52. (See Cap. 20, 1901.)

For a company whose nominal capital does not exceed \$10,000.....\$10

For a company whose nominal capital exceeds \$10,000, the above fee of \$10 with the following additional fees regulated according to the amount of nominal capital, that is to say:

For every \$5,000 of nominal capital or part of \$5,000 after the first \$10,000 up to \$25,000.....\$5

For every \$5,000 of nominal capital or part of \$5,000 after the first \$25,000 up to \$50,000.....\$2

For every \$5,000 of nominal capital or part of \$5,000 after the first \$50,000.....\$1

J. H. COWELL, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Unauthorized insertions of this advertisement will not be paid for.

Strayed.
Came to my place about one month ago, 3 year old heifer, red with some white on it, no visible brand. Party please call, pay expenses and take away. E. Johnson, Canyon, N. W. 1 30-36 W. 4th.

ESTRAY.
One bay filly branded 8 right shoulder white strip in 8 face. Number of young cattle also branded FIO or LO on left hind. Reward for information leading to recovery.
S. W. PAISLEY, Canyon.

ESTRAY.
One bay mare, 1000 lbs., 4 white feet, branded 8 on left jaw. Reward for information as to whereabouts.
H. M. TRIMBLE, Lacombe.

ESTRAY.
At my place about a month, 15 head steers and heifers, 2 year olds and yearlings, indistinct brands. This is a mixed bunch and may belong to several people.
T. BUCKNELL, 9-40-38, South of Gull Lake.

ESTRAY.
Came to my place 1 cow, light roan body, dark roan neck and shoulders, right ear split. Party please call, pay expenses and take away. W. T. Sherman, Canyon.

ESTRAY.
Since last fall a red steer two years old, with white strip across forehead, also one red heifer, with white strip across forehead and white on belly, two years old, since a year ago last fall on my farm one mile south of Rimbey.
R. B. HILBORN.

Girl Wanted.
For general housework. Good wages. Small family. Apply Mrs. John McKenty.

FOR SALE.
Rose and single comb brown Leghorn roosters, \$1.00 each. For sale by
A. R. COVERDALE, 3 1/2 miles south-west of Rimbey.

LOST.
On the 16th Nov. 1 roan horse and 1 dark brown mare, Hays branded on left jaw, mare on left hip, weight about 1100 each, mane cropped and collar marked 4 and 5 years. \$10.00 reward. Apply
F. A. COLLIER, Morningville.

LOST.
2 bay mares and 2 sucking colts, 1 black and 1 bay. The mares branded 87 connected on left rib, bay colt has a white spot on forehead. A liberal reward is offered to finder.
RAYMOND JENKS, Iowa.

Shingle Mill Running.
We are now manufacturing first class spruce shingles. Sawing done to order or shingles for sale. Get prices. Rural Phone 8. F. BUTCHER & SON.

LOST.
Red steer calf branded with half diamond over anchor inverted y, on right hip. Last seen at Fred Jacobsons. Reward for information.
W. T. SHERMAN, Canyon.

ESTRAY.
Came to my place for past year 1 red steer, white belly, star in forehead, horns slope down. Two year old coming 8. Brand on left hip A. Apply to Peter Klier, 3 miles S. of Bentley.

ESTRAY.
Been at my place for over a year one red cow, turned down horns, branded on ribs on both sides and also on left leg. Brands are indistinct. Owner pay expenses and take her away.
JOHN MOORE, 16-39-25, Jones Valley.

ESTRAY.
On N. E. 2-41-27 W 4, yearling steer, red, white spot on left shoulder, white on belly, star on forehead, please call on lower side of right ear, no visible brand.—J. L. Cannon.

ESTRAY.
Two heifers, one red and one white. Been at my place for 3 weeks. No visible brand. J. R. Porter, Lakehead.

Barley Wanted.
WANTED—1000 bushels barley or good oats. Apply W. F. Puffer, Lacombe.

ESTRAY.
Came to my place on S. E. 27-40-1-5 at Bentley, about Nov. 1, one red polled heifer about three years old, with short tail, no marks and no visible brand. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses. W. B. McPherson.

MEDICINE.
E. H. SHAW, M. D., G. M.
Physician, Surgeon, etc.
Office and residence: Barnett Avenue, opposite Postoffice Library.

LAW.
J. I. POOLE, B. A.
Advocate, Notary, Etc.
Office: DAY BLOCK, Lacombe, Alta. Solicitor for Town of Lacombe.

A. M. MacDonald, B. A.
Barrister, Advocate, Solicitor, Notary Public and Conveyancer.
Solicitor for Union Bank of Canada, B. O. DUN & Co., the Canadian Banknote and Savings Co., the Colonial Loan and Investment Co., etc., etc. Company and private funds to loan on town and farm property.
Lacombe Office—Mechanics Bank Building, P.O. Drawer 1—Phone 4.

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BARRISTERS, ADVOCATES, NOTARIES, ETC.
FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE
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E. M. Trimble, R. C. Murphy, B.A., LL.B.

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Miss Helen G. Putnam
Music Teacher
Graduate with Teacher's Diploma of Halifax Conservatory of Music.
Apply Box K, Lacombe

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Painting in Oils and Water colors
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Dentist
Graduate Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, 1899.
All work is expected to be paid for when completed.

PARSONS & BISHOP
FURNITURE
Repairing and Upholstering, Etc., Etc.

Drop us a Card and we will call for goods.

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NO. 10
A. F. & A. M.
Regular communication first Wednesday evening of each month. Visiting Brethren cordially invited.
H. Smith, W. M.
L. B. Browne, Secy.

FRED TAYLOR BLACKSMITH Palmer Buildin
Between Nanton and Alberta Sta where he will be pleased to meet his friends and patrons.

Blackfolds Property for Sale and Rent.

VILLAGE PROPERTY FOR SALE ON REASONABLE TERMS.

Improved and Unimproved Lands for Sale on Reasonable Terms from \$3.00 upwards. SOME GOOD SNAPS. Apply to JAMES MCNICOL, Blackfolds.

MUSIC

I have a large stock of Violins, Mandolins, Banjos and Guitars. All kinds of Photographs, from \$16.50 up, and over 600 splendid Cylinder records to choose from. I am clearing out a large portion of my cylinder records at 25c each the regular 40c. I have, also, the latest in disc records. Give me a call. I am satisfied I can please you in musical instruments.
O. BOODE, Railway St. near Union Bank.

SECOND HAND GOODS
Call on me before you have your Auction Sale—I can give you the Highest Cash Price for all Second Hand Goods.

Watches and Jewelry bought and sold. I pay the highest cash price for furs and hides of all kinds. Skates sharpened in quick time and first class order.

OLE BOODE, Next to West's Store on Railway St.

John Fortune
CITY LIVERY AND FEED STABLE
Careful Attention given to Commercial Trade
First Class Rigs and Good Drivers
Draying on Short Notice
Being well acquainted with the country intending settlers will find it to their advantage to call on us before leaving. Parties buying C. P. R. Land Driver Free.
LACOMBE - ALBERTA

MONEY TO LOAN
At 8 per cent.
FARMS FOR SALE OR RENT.
Town Residences for sale or rent. It will pay you to see us if you want to Buy or Sell Real Estate.
W. S. MOONEY, Lacombe
The WESTERN CANADA LAND & BROKERAGE CO., Ltd.

The Star Livery, Feed and Sale Stable
Good Horses and Rigs Baggage Transferred.
Draying a Specialty Satisfaction Guaranteed
NANTON STREET, North LACOMBE
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For Best Value
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Horse Blankets Robes
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The Leading
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Coal Wood Ice
Strathcona, Edmonton and Halkirk coal—the three best coals on the market.
Wash Ice \$1.25 per Load.
Contracts taken to fill ice houses.

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Call up Phone 76

Bowman-Sine Lumber Co., Ltd.
Carry a complete stock of British Columbia Cedar and Fir Lumber, Shingles and Lath.
Native Boards and Dimensions, also Windows, Doors, Mouldings, &c.
Lime, Portland Cement, Wood Fibre, Plaster, Building and Tar Paper.
Get our prices before you buy as we will not be undersold.
L. B. BROWNE, Manager, Lacombe Yard

The Merchants Bank OF CANADA
Established 1864
HEAD OFFICE - MONTREAL
Capital Paid Up.....\$6,000,000
Reserve Fund.....4,600,000
Total Assets over.....\$6,500,000
The Bank has 139 Branches and Agencies distributed throughout Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia. Correspondents at all the principal cities of the U. S.
We offer you every facility in up-to-date banking. Your business given prompt and careful attention. Accounts of Ranchers, Merchants and others received on favorable terms.
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We receive deposits of \$1.00 upwards and allow interest at highest current rate.
A. BELCHER,
Manager, Lacombe Branch.

OUR GREAT ANNUAL

A. URQUHART & COMPANY, Limited



WE have again to liven up the pace of January-month, the longest and dullest of the twelve. And we have to prepare for stock-taking. And we have to make room for thousands of dollars' worth of spring goods now on the way by rail and tide. It is also the time for our annual attack of Spring cleaning, which gets the storekeeper earlier than the housekeeper. And is it not the season of good resolutions and plans for another year, which require a clearing out of stock? In short, there is a conspiracy of conditions generally to bring off a big sale, and we open up

On MONDAY Morning, 3rd JANUARY, for \$20,000.00 WORTH of BARGAINS, and

SMALL PRICES FOR BIG UNDERWEAR

Wool and Wool Fleece and Stanfield's Underwear regularly per garment 65c. to \$2.25 for extra large sizes, now.....45c. to \$1.45

Warm Prices on Sweaters

MEN'S SWEATERS with deep collar to open or close, Grey with Red or Green Collars and Red with White collars. \$2.25 values for.....\$1.45

BOYS' SWEATERS, an assortment of broken up stock, all with heavy roll collars, good dollar values, Sale Price.....55c.

Broken Prices for Whole Sox

Men's Grey All Wool Sox 100 dozen pair 30c. value to be bundled out at **19c.**

Heavy GERMAN SOX AT LIGHT PRICES

A heap-up tableful of Men's German Sox 55c. lines for 55c. 1.25 lines for 85c.



MEN'S CLOTHING At SALE PRICES

Men's suits, perfect in fit, correct in style, new in pattern, best finish in tailoring, tweeds and worsteds.

Our Challenge Values

still further reduced for sale. They range \$10.00 to \$25.00 in values. Reduced to \$6.00 to.....\$14.50

BOYS' SUITS

2-piece suits \$2.50 to.....\$2.90 3-piece suits \$3.50 to.....\$4.50

It is one of the mysteries of manufacturing how these goods can be made at the price.

Sheep Lined Jackets In Duck and Corduroy.

Beaver Overcoats Marmot and Rat Lined

Fur Overcoats

Men's, Youths' and Boys' Overcoats

Boys' Reefer Jackets

All require your attention when you come in, for they are substantially reduced.

OVERALLS

Grey, Blue, Black 50c. per pair Sans comment



Shirts on the Sale Table

Our dollar and a quarter line of men's grey flannel shirts, large and roomy in the make, every way, to clear out at.....**65c**

Men's negligee shirts in the latest stripe, check and solid color patterns, perfect fitting, good \$1.25 values for.....**87c**

Men's \$2.00 and \$2.50 negligee shirts, made of the finest French and English shirtings, a prize at sale price of, **1.37c**

Pants with Lost Prices

Men's \$2.00 and \$2.50 pants, made of hard wearing Oxford tweeds in dark colors, per pair.....**1.45**

Men's \$4.00 pants, fine worsted weaves and patterns for.....**2.37c**

VESTS—Heavy, warm, fancy vests, regular \$4.00, to clear out at

Half Price

Small Wares at Smaller Prices

Collars, ties, braces, studs, sleeve links, arm bands, garters, make up a table full of bargains you should not miss.

Handkerchiefs, in silk, silkine, excelsa and linen at cut prices that will induce you to replenish your stock.

A Regular Turnout OF FOOTWEAR

Our tables must tell the full story of our values in Footwear. The turn-out contains every class of shoe, and the bargain hunters can profitably look them over.

Rubber Prices UP Our Prices DOWN

- 1 Buckle, Snag Proof, rolled edge, high top, for \$1.90
- 2 Buckle, Snag Proof, rolled edge, for.....2.10
- 3 Hole Lace, Snag Proof and rolled edge.....2.30
- 6 Hole, leather top, Snag Proof, rolled edge.....2.45

Boys Rubbers equally reduced.

Children's and Misses Overshoes, a surplus stock at clearing prices.



Mitts and Gloves

FOR YOUR ODD CHANGE

Hogskin Pull Overs with patent Wrist Fastener.....67c.

Genuine Horse Hide Pull Overs elastic wrist.....77c.

Genuine Buckskin Pull Overs, 1.50 values for.....95c.

Genuine Horsehide Wool Lined Mitts, heavy wool wrists and welted seams, per pair.....82c.

Genuine Buckskin Lined Mitts, heavy wool wrists, and welted seams.....97c.

Horsehide Driving Mitts with beaverette fur backs, heavy wool lined, knit wrists with patent fastener.....\$1.15

Warm Lined Gloves at equally reduced prices.

A CHANCE TO FURNISH IN BRUSHES AND COMBS

25c and 35c combs, now 12c 50c and 75c combs now 35c

BARRETTE'S SIDE COMBS BACK COMBS HAIR RETAINERS

Clothes brushes from 5c a piece Nail brushes from 2 for 5c Hair brushes genuine bristle from 25c each All reduced to pleasing bargains \$1.00 value for.....50c

COMPLETE READINESS IN EVERY DEPARTMENT

REMNANTS PILED AT SCATTERING PRICES

There are Gems in the Bargain line in this pile, and pieces of fancy quality as well as Staples, also Ribbons, Velvets, Laces, Trimmings, Embroideries, etc.

SHEARS SHARPENED FOR SHIRTINGS AND FLANNELS

Heavy drill shirtings, splendid quality, 17c to 25c, now per yard.....12c to 15c Flannel shirtings, in dark and light greys and blue, reg. 40 and 50c yd, now 29 to 35c

A request will promptly bring you samples.

TABLEWARE CUT SHARPLY

H. & H. Bros. cutlery, red and black handled, bolsters and caps made of high grade Britannia metal and will not discolor, per set of half dozen forks and half dozen knives, special.....**\$1.00**

Rogers table and dessert knives, blades hand forged from the finest steel, perfectly tempered and ground, handles finest white celluloid Table size, special.....**4.00** Dessert size, special.....**3.75**

Nevada nickel silver spoons, metal hard and tough, will wear white throughout, and can be scoured without injury.

Tea spoons, per dozen.....\$1.00 Dessert spoons, per dozen.....\$1.75 Table spoons, per dozen.....\$2.25 Forks, 4-tined, per dozen.....\$2.25

Hustling Prices in Kitchenware

DISH PANS

Flat Edge, Deep, Granite, Enamelled 14 quart size 55c. 17 quart size 60c.

WASH TUBS

Galv. Wash Tubs, No. 1 .95 " " " 2 1.10 " " " 3 1.15

PRESERVING KETTLES

Granite enamelled 3 quart size.....22c. 3 1/2 ".....25c. 4 ".....35c.

SAUCEPANS

Long Handled, Lipped, Granite 2 quart size 15c 2 1/2 quart size 20c 3 " 22c 4 " 25c 5 " 35c

HAND BASINS

Granite and White 12 inches 20c 15 inches 25c

WASH BOILERS

Heavy Tin, Copper Bot. No. 8 1.65 " " " 9 1.85 Heavy Copper Boilers No. 8 3.65 " " " 9 4.00

GALVANISED PAILS

12 quarts.....30c. 14 quarts.....35c. 16 quarts.....40c.

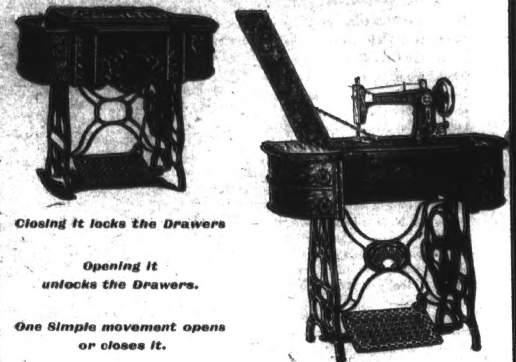
IRONCLAD PAILS

14 quart 60c. Tin Flaring Pails 12 quarts 20c. 14 quarts 22c.

JANUARY SALE

The Markets Markets are clamoring for the products of the farm. Another wave of prosperity has certainly arrived, and it will make the best years the west has yet seen like a dull period of waiting. Oats are looking up and are now worth 27c on the track. Wheat is firm, over the dollar mark now in Winnipeg. May No. 1 Northern is worth \$1.05 at Fort William. Barley is scarce, and really worth 40c per bushel for home consumption. Hay is a money maker, timothy being now \$15.00 per ton and baled prairie hay \$10.00 per ton. Eggs are still 35c per dozen, and butter 22½c per pound. Potatoes look like a dollar a bushel this spring.

The Biggest and Best Sale we ever had
THE BEST BARGAINS WILL GO FIRST



Closing it locks the Drawers

Opening it unlocks the Drawers.

One Simple movement opens or closes it.

HELLO! VALUES IN HOSIERY



Ladies', Misses', Boys' and Children's

An enormous quantity of odd lots, too long to list here, but they are well displayed for your inspection and at very substantial reduction.

Ladies' and Misses' Coats--The Last of Them
Our customers will readily understand that we do not wish to carry over stock in this section. As we figure it, it pays us rather to clear them out under cost. A sample bargain here is our Ladies' Lined and Fur Trimmed Coats reduced by **One-Fourth**. Children's and Misses' Winter Coats reduced by **One-Fourth**.



MAIL ORDER PROMPTNESS OUR SPECIALTY

Prints--New Ones

A large selection of new patterns, 12c to 15c value for **10c per yard**

Flannelettes--Good Ones

Light and dark stripes and checks, heavy washing and wearing qualities, regularly 12c to 15c for **9c and 10c per yard**

Dress Goods--An Exhibition of New Tones

These are early arrivals of our spring placement, exceptionally well bought and selected. If you cannot come in to see them send for samples, the values will surprise you.

Draperies at Parceling Up Prices

Table Covers	Portiers	Table Covers
Demask, red ground, with green design, 12x48 only..... 1.00	Tapestry, 38 inches wide, 3 yards long, reversible, in red, gold and green stripes. Regular, pair, 3.75 for. 3.10	Heavy Chinelle Table Covers in Red, Green and fawn, 40x40..... .70
Japanese table covers, 54x54, reversible..... 1.45	Regular, pair, 4.75 for. 3.90	72x72..... 2.90
Tapestry table covers, size 72x54, reversible, colors, two tone, red and green and gold..... 2.45	Couch Covers, 54 ins. wide, 3 yds. long, reversible, good value at 2.50 for 1.75	Cathedral Madras Muslin, a strong material in new soft shadings, per yard .15

Toothsome Prices in Groceries

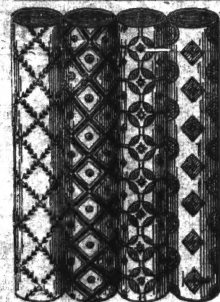
FLOUR	RICE
The Best Hungarian Patent, made from No. 1 Hard Wheat, every sack guaranteed to be the best obtainable.	The Best Japan Rice, clean, the finest quality.
3.15	5c. per lb.
per 98 lb. sack during sale only.	
APPLES	Toilet Soaps
No. 1 Ontario Apples, finest flavored, the best keepers.	Assorted Kinds.
1.50	40c. per doz.
per 40 lb. box	
	Laundry Soap
	Golden West or Royal Crown
	8 Bars for 25c.

NOTE

In turning out our stock for this sale we find this advertisement only faintly indicates the number and variety of lines to be cleared out, and of prices to be slaughtered. There is hardly a want of the average household but can be furnished from our January Sale at a saving of from **1/4 to 1/2**

RUGS

Mohair
Tapestry
Axminster
Velvet Pile
Reduced
One-third
in Price.



PERFECTION in a SEWING MACHINE

CASE--Quarter Sawed Golden Oak, highly polished, automatic drawer lock, automatic lift, new swell front, ball bearing stand. Ten years warranty--**Free Trial**--Nickle plated accessories, extras, mountings

1 Gauge. 1 Gauge Screw. 1 Instruction Book. 1 Tacker. 1 Quilter.
1 Oil Can. 6 Bobbins. 1 Hammer and Feller. 1 doz. Needles. 1 Braider.
6 Bobbins. 1 Shuttle. 1 Belt and Coupling. 1 Combination Screw Driver.
1 Ruffler with Shirring Plate. 1 Thread Cutter.

1 Spool Tray, velvet covered with 12 nickle plated pins for Spools and Thimble Holder
Price \$29.00
Same machine, not automatic, 5 Drawer Front,..... **\$24.00**

Linoleums for Less Money

In this section we carry a large stock. You can safely order by mail, stating if you wish a large or small pattern, floral or block, and describing your color. During this sale the prices are the best we ever gave. Remember they are Linoleums not Floor Oils.

Light Quality, 2 yards wide, **37c.** per square yard
Medium " " " **45c.** " " "
Heavy " " " **52c.** " " "

Add 5c. per square yard for the 4 yards wide
Inlaid Linoleums, a fine selection, **87c.** per square yard

CARPETS at Factory Prices

Jute Squares Tapestry Squares Velvet Pile Squares
Art Squares Brussel Squares Wilton Squares
1/3 off Regular Prices
CARPETING by the yard, a large selection
1/3 off Regular Prices



Blanket Values Extraordinary

If you need a Blanket, or can use an extra one now is the chance to save money in getting it.

Dark Grey Blankets	Silver Grey Blankets	White Blankets
Size per pair	size per pair	size per pair
50x76 1.45	50x76 2.65	60x80 3.65
58x76 1.80	58x76 3.05	64x80 4.30
60x80 2.20	60x80 3.55	64x84 4.40
58x72 1.85	64x84 3.80	
58x76 2.25		
58x78 2.70		
60x80 3.15		

Flannelette Blankets Equally Reduced



40 and 44 pieces
TEA SET
New Shapes, Fine China
floral decorations
6.00 and 7.50
regular values for
4.10 & 5.10

Covered Vegetable Dishes
70c for **35c.**

A Smash in Dishes

SETS

consisting of
1 Covered Vegetable
1 Large Platter
1 Small " "
1 doz. Soup Plates
1 doz. Dinner Plates
1 doz. Tea Plates
1 Jug & Bowl
1 Gravy Boat
1 Sugar 1 Tea Pot
20 pieces
\$2.00



Tumblers 5c. each

SETS

made up by your own selection from our large Stock of Semi-porcelain printed ware at about half the regular Prices. All Dishes carefully packed.



Salts and Peppers
5c. each

Fruit Nappies
20c. per doz.

GLASSWARE
An Endless Variety at
Half-Price

A. UROUHART & CO., Limited

The Home Coming.

A Christmas Story.

They are mother and daughter one can tell at a glance. The girl is fair the mother has been; the girl's hair is a shiny brown, the woman's has been; the girl is plump and soft and good to see, the woman has been. There is something pathetic in the sight of them sitting side by side in the car.

They are objects of special interest from the time they get on the train at Chicago until they get off at the Canadian country town. There seems a perfect sympathy between them. They are friends and are very good comrades. You gather from these and other facts that they have lived much by themselves. The girl's childishness shows in the faded woman, the woman's quaintness lends itself to the girl. When they speak their words can be heard above the rumble of the train. They are from the big prairie homestead and have plenty of space for themselves. I doubt if the girl knows how to whisper.

There is not a man in the car but is ready to tell them the name of every town and city we pass. The drummer stumbles over his grip in his eagerness to be of service in opening a window, the tall college lad leads them out to lunch; the burly old fellow in the black silk skull cap hovers over them like a homely old guardian angel; the asthmatic old lady offers them peppermints; the gruff Englishman who keeps his newspaper and a wall of reserve between him and his fellow passengers in general, thaws enough to listen at times to their gossip.

The woman grows nervous as the day wears on, she fidgets, she looks at her watch, she wonders if the train is not behind time.

"Fifteen years is a long time to be away from kin and country—a long, long time, Janie." Her voice has a tremble in it. "Somehow you feel the homesickness of all those years touch you. Oh, Janie, if you knew how I longed to have someone about the who would talk of home."

The girl puts her hand lovingly. "Homesickness must be a mortal mean feeling," she says. "I never had it."

"Mean! I'll tell you what it is. It's being starved and famished for something you know in your heart you can't get; its wishing and waiting for what's out of reach; it's—"

She breaks off suddenly and looks out the window. The Englishman rustles his paper noisily; a husky cough escapes the old gentleman in the skull cap.

"It all comes back to me today," she goes on. "We've done well out West, and every body allows it was the best move you've ever made when he sold his fifty acres in Ontario and got five hundred in the West. But it was awful hard on me. There wasn't a woman within fifteen miles—nobody to talk to but your pa—and you can imagine how much company he'd be with all that work on his hands. Oh, how tiresome it was. I used to fancy I heard the maples fluttering in the wind and saw the old house with the windows covered with yew and morning glories. No other spot is quite so dear as the place you were born and brought up in. And when I'd break down and cry for father, mother and Tom, and everybody, your pa used to tell me there was no use worrying over trifles."

"Pa didn't understand," says the girl apologetically.

"No, he meant all right. Fifteen years is a long time," with a weary sigh. "I was young and bright, and—yes, pretty when I said good-bye, and I'm coming back an old woman. Loneliness and work are hard things on women, Janie."

The Englishman throws down his paper and gives his coat collar an impatient twist. "Deuce take these women and their sentiment," this twist says as plainly as words. The little faded woman from the prairie is not thinking of her audience at all. She is going home, home and exhilaration and nervousness render her garrulous. She kept the secret old memories

looked in her heart for a long while and now, with the welcome and gladness as near it as a perfect joy to pour them out to Janie. "You never knew anybody like mother, did you? Make the best of it, dearie," she said at parting, but I just couldn't at first. I was homesick for the old folks and the old places, for the creek, for the hill we climbed on our way to the village, for the creek, for the road, for the morning gate, for everything. I couldn't get the ache out of my throat, and I fairly hated the miles and miles of prairie—it got into my head that the sky didn't come down as close to the prairie as it did in Ontario."

"Got poor little mamie!" "One night I nearly scared your pa to death. You were so sick I thought you were dying, and I couldn't stand to see your little face growing whiter and whiter. My heart was breaking and I rushed out doors and called 'Mother! mother!' as hard as I could. The cows lifted their sleepy faces over the barn to look at me, I remember, and your pa came running out bare-headed. I went back as quiet as could be, so quiet that I've often thought that God hearing me cry out for her took it as a sort of prayer and answered it right away."

There were big tears in Janie's eyes and in his own. The man in the skull cap blows his nose noisily; and the asthmatic old lady in an ungovernable fit of generosity, empties the whole bag of peppermints into the little woman's lap; the Englishman turns his back on the whole sentimental lot and looks out of the window.

"It is sunset of a spring day when we leave the Detroit river behind and go flying through Canadian territory. She grows more excited. "Look, Janie," she says, "you never saw such a sky in your life; look how it bends over the trees yonder. Nobody need tell me that it doesn't—look here, then it does in the West."

As the dark comes on she grows quieter, and after a long silence she hears the girl telling her not to cry.

"I'm not crying, at least not much," comes the broken answer. "I'm just thinking. When I saw my parents last I looked like you look now, and—oh, Janie, I've got so old and homely they may not know me. Your pa used to say I was vain of my looks, but I wasn't, only it's hard to know I'm so changed. See the grey hair and the wrinkles, dear?"

The faded blue eyes, wet and wistful, seek the girl's bright face. The girl looks longingly back. "You're the prettiest woman in the world, that's what you are," she cries emphatically.

The brakeman calls the station. We all bustle forward to help them off. "Allow me," says the Englishman and fairly carries them both to the platform where a fine old couple stand waiting. The light shines on them. We all share in the joy of that home coming. We hear the glad cry a smothered sob. It is the girl with the wild rose cheeks and the soft brown hair that the father clasps first. Why not? She is more familiar than the grey-faced woman, more like his girl, the pretty girl who went away. But a mother makes no such mistakes. Her eyes change not nor note a change, and the faded little woman is gathered close to the bosom where she rested as a child. The train moves on and all of us are very still.

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Marriage.

WRIGHT—MILES At the Presbyterian Manse, Lacombe, on Wednesday, December 22nd, by the Rev. M. White, B. D., Claude W. Wright to Miss Francis Miles, both of Bentley.

Of General Interest

The Canadian Manufacturers Association are credited with spreading the report that a labor famine is imminent in Canada, affecting many lines of employment and all Provinces. Perhaps this report is in some measure true, but it is more probable that it is not true in any wide or general sense. It comes at the wrong season of the year to be very seriously taken. We do not of course hear anything, or much, this year of unemployment and destitution, but the absence of such conditions is no warrant whatever for exaggerating the case in the opposite direction and for inviting deluge of unemployed—a large part perhaps unemployed—from other lands in the dead of winter, when employment is scarcer than at any other time of the year and when it is more pressing needed. The Manufacturers of course know their needs better than any outside party, and they are not to be assailed on hand as perpetrators of the truth; none the less their claims to be some family likeness between this report and the scheme of Mr. Cockshutt, ex-M. P., for emptying the tenements of English cities into the towns and cities of Ontario.

North Bay, Ont., Dec. 21.—Redwater, a flag station on the Temiskaming railway, 55 miles north of here, was the scene of a brutal murder tonight, the victim being the night porter, W. J. Dyson. The men entered the station, and became boisterous. Dyson, tried to eject the intruders. In the struggle, he was struck on the head with a club, fracturing his skull, death soon ensuing. The assailants, who are not known, made their escape. Redwater consists of a station and section houses only. There are lumber camps in the vicinity. Dyson was 33 years of age, and came from near Toronto. There will be an inquest at North Bay.

In a new process of keeping eggs in cold storage, 500 eggs are packed in a tin box, and a little calcium chloride is added, to insure dryness. A lid having a hole 1.5 inches in diameter, is then soldered on and the box, with a number of others, is placed in a large iron cylinder, from which the air is then exhausted. By this operation the air and carbon dioxide dissolved in the albumen are removed, as well as the air which surrounds the eggs and fills their voids. The cylinder is next filled with pure carbon dioxide, and a pressure slightly above that of the atmosphere is maintained until the constancy of the manometer indicates that the eggs are saturated with the gas. But as eggs do not keep well in pure carbon dioxide, a certain quantity of this gas is next withdrawn from the cylinder and replaced by nitrogen, obtained either from the cylinders in which it is sold in a compressed state or by passing air over red-hot copper. When the eggs have become saturated with the mixture of gases the boxes are removed from the cylinder, sealed and placed in rooms where the temperature is kept between 32 and 36 deg. F. By this process the eggs are kept in an atmosphere which contains no free oxygen, and in which the proportions of carbon dioxide and nitrogen are the same as exist in the albumen of fresh-laid eggs.

Whether or not there is a planet beyond Neptune is a problem which has long concerned mathematical astronomers. Among those who have taken the trouble mathematically to settle the problem of such a planet's existence is Prof. W. H. Pickering, who used the method of Leverrier, the discoverer of Uranus. Prof. Pickering believes in the existence of at least one such planet, which he has designated by the letter O. A search for this planet was recently undertaken by the Rev. J. H. Metcalf with his 12-inch doublet, but without success. The reasons adduced in Science by Prof. Pickering for this failure are the following: (a) The planet may be unexpectedly faint, or reddish in color. Its computed magnitude is 13.5. (b) The orbit may be highly eccentric, the computation being based on an approximately circular orbit. (c) The orbit may be highly inclined to the ecliptic, and the planet at present situated far from its node. For various reasons the first two causes are

not thought sufficiently effective to interfere with the discovery of the planet. We might, by analogy, compare planet O, on account of its relative size and position with regard to the other planets, to the sixth or seventh satellite of Jupiter. The inclinations of the orbits of these two bodies are 36 deg. and 36 deg., respectively. The region already covered in the photographic search extends along the ecliptic for 35 deg. and reaches to a maximum distance of 10 deg. to the north and south of it. It is expected therefore to make an examination of the higher latitudes next year. The number of stars already examined in the search is estimated at about 300,000.

The recent deplorable mine accident at Cherry, Ill., in which there were hundreds of deaths, brings up the question of export direction in such disasters. Untrained volunteers are entirely useless, as was demonstrated in France a couple of years ago, when about twenty rescuers went down in a mine to their death. The expert life-savers from the Westphalia mines, who were sent by the Kaiser, with their tested ropes and other tackle, came too late, but their work demonstrated that if they had been called in earlier, they might have saved a large number. The cost of export direction in accidents would not be very great, and it seems as though if we protect our coasts by guards, we might also do something to protect our miners. A few men who are especially fitted could be organized and drilled in each district, and the mine owners themselves might be made to furnish the necessary equipment, which would not be a very great tax on any operators.

The Montreal Gazette professes

to be growing uneasy because Canadian soldiers have been placed in the fortresses of Canada, because the militia is commanded by a Canadian, and because it is now proposed to construct a Canadian squadron. The difference between the Gazette and some other papers—and public men as well—who talk in the same strain, seems to be that the Gazette is a "little Canadian" from conviction. The aim of the others appears to be chiefly to differ with the Government and to crowd Mr. Borden out of his job.

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PURSUANT to Judgment and Final Order of the Supreme Court, by H. Thornton Bell, Auctioneer, at the Victoria Hotel, Lacombe, Alberta, on the 13th day of January, 1910, at 10 o'clock noon, in one parcel, the North-east 1/4 of 16-49-23 W. 4th M. subject to the reservations and conditions in the original grant from the Crown.

The said land is situated about 14 miles from Tees, Alta., and consists of a hundred and sixty acres of land more or less. The surface is undulating, the soil good loam with clay sub-soil. 30 acres have been tilled, about 35 acres consists of bluff and scrub, about 35 acres consists of sloughs and hay lands, and 60 acres open prairie. There are no buildings on the said land.

The sale is subject to a reserved bidding which has been fixed by the judge. The purchaser is at the time of the sale to pay down a deposit of 10 per cent. of the full price to the Vendor's Solicitors, and the remainder of the purchase money is to be paid into Court within sixty days, without interest. In other respects the terms and conditions of sale will be the standing conditions of the Supreme Court of Alberta.

Further particulars can be had from Messrs. Emery, Newell and Bolton, Barristers, Edmonton, Alberta.

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The right is reserved to reject any, or all bids, or waive any defects.

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JNO. STOCKS, Deputy Minister. Dated at Edmonton, Alta., this 4th day of December, 1939.



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The Leading Store

FARMERS SHOULD STATE THEIR CASE.

Premier Announces Government Policy Upon Elevator Question.

"If the farmers of Alberta present a request to the Alberta government to consider a scheme for government ownership of elevators in this province, the request would be granted and any suggestion given full consideration."

This was Premier Rutherford's answer to the question as to what extent the agitation for government ownership of elevators in Saskatchewan and Manitoba would affect the province of Alberta.

"As far as I can see by the latest reports," said the premier, "the Manitoba government cannot be said to have committed itself to the principle of government ownership of elevators. What it has done is equivalent to having asked the farmers and grain growers to submit a scheme which will be capable of practical operation. If such is presented the government will proceed to carry it out."

"As for Saskatchewan the government of the province has appointed a commission to look into the question, with a view to determining whether any feasible scheme can be advanced. This again can not be considered in the light of the Saskatchewan government having committed itself to anything."

"Can the three provinces be expected to act conjointly on the question?" the premier was asked. "I do not see how they can after the conferences of the heads of the governments in February last. It is probably on account of that conference having been devoid of the expected results that the grain growers have gone to the individual governments to further press their requests."

"How does Alberta stand in respect to the other provinces?"

"Grain growing is not the only agricultural interest here and not the principal one except for some districts in Southern Alberta. It is doubtful if the province will ever be given over so entirely to one branch of agriculture as in the

other two provinces. This materially affects the attitude of the farmers to the question. Then again we have the western grain route in view, which will considerably remove the disadvantages that farmers have to submit to in having to ship their grain through the elevators. The fact that the terminal elevators at the coast will be under government control is also a guarantee of fair play to the grain growers."

The premier was of the opinion that if Manitoba undertook government ownership of elevators it would mean a tremendous outlay of money. He also remarked that if it were done effectively the private companies would have to go out of business. The effect of this would be felt in Alberta as quite a number of the elevators in the province are owned by companies doing business in the other provinces.

U. F. A. Meeting.

A special meeting of the U. F. A. was held in the Town Hall, Stettler, Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. There was a good list of members in attendance. Pres. Adair considered that as it was a special meeting he should be excused from presiding, and Mr. Buckingham was voted to the chair. Several subjects were discussed, the first one being that of Hail Insurance. Mr. Steele, the Sec'y, believed that a great deal of dissatisfaction was felt regarding the manner in which the damages to hail crops were assessed and thought that until a better plan was advocated, the one now in vogue would not be generally accepted.

Mr. Adair considered that a tax should be imposed on all cultivated land, thus relieving the rancher from a tax on grazing land. He advocated the immediate inspection of hilled areas.

Resolution No. 20 from the Edmonton Union, was read giving notice that at the annual convention the matter of compulsory Hail Insurance would be brought up in the form of a resolution for general discussion.

Moved by Striet, seconded by Scheitlenhof that Mr. Adair be sent as a second delegate to Edmonton

to the annual convention. A lively discussion followed as to the advisability of sending a second delegate. Mr. Adair said Mr. Shearer, Vice President of the Union, was in Edmonton and had kindly proffered his services as delegate, which would be free of expense to the union.

Mr. Kerridge thought that as the funds of the Union were somewhat short, it would be well to consider the financial side before sending more delegates. The necessity of having representation at the general meeting's were prominently set forth by other members in which it was the consensus of opinion that unless such representation was to be had, that the Union might as well be dropped. Pres. Adair scored members for not attending and discussing matters freely.

Three members were then received in order that they might have a vote, after which motion to send Mr. Adair was made unanimously. Subscriptions were taken to pay the expense of sending another delegate and the response was liberal.

The important matters to be brought up at the general association are as follows:— Proposed changes in the Constitution.

Compulsory Hail Insurance. Pork Packing proposition. Agricultural College for Alberta. An official Organ for the U. F. A. situated in Alberta.

Promoting Legislation. Loans to farmers at rate of not more than 5 per cent.

Implement notes to be made due in February instead of in the fall.

Licensing boarding houses. Co-operation marketing and amendment of the Local Improvement Act.

Mr. Adair said that he had been invited to come to Gladby and organize a Union there, and suggested that Mr. Whiteside to do this as he was out in that country, to which Mr. Whiteside replied he would be glad to do anything he could for the advancement of the U. F. A.

The matter of having local monthly meetings at the various school houses throughout the district and have a general meeting

at Stettler once every three months was discussed and as a result the chairman requested Mr. Steele to call a meeting at the Kindergarten school house, and Mr. Kerridge to do likewise at the Spring Lake school house and try to organize branches of the Union.

The meeting adjourned until the general meeting Saturday, January 8th at which all members were requested to be present.

The Flag and the Schools.

The Canadian Club of Calgary has passed resolutions urging the schools in the province to fly the British flag upon every school day and calling upon the Dominion and the province to fly the flag on every week day of the year upon every public building in the Dominion and the province. The Albertans believe that the resolutions of the club are reasonable and right. It is probable that the Canadian club appointed the British flag for the reason that we have no Canadian flag. Perhaps when we have a Canadian flag which should be some time soon, we shall be flying it in all public places.

The province of Manitoba was first to encourage the flying of the flag upon the schools. It is a good thing. Canadians are being fashioned out of all manner of raw material and the church and the school are doing a great part of the work. The school teaches the children about Canadianism, and Canadian morals, Canadian methods and Canadian standards. But we are somewhat too modest about displaying our flag. It is possible that we are convinced that across the line they make too much of the flag and in some ways cheapen the effect of it. However it is better to err in that direction than to err in the other direction. The children of his country should be reared in the shadow of the Union Jack, which has braved the battle and the breeze for a thousand years and has always borne the emblem of freedom and liberty throughout the world.

Let us wave this emblem of freedom wherever and whenever we get an opportunity. Let us teach the children what it means. Let us nail our colors to the mast of

our public buildings so that the stranger may know where we place ourselves. The flag is a decoration that makes a city beautiful and its floating to the breeze cannot help but have a good effect upon every person. Let the flag wave.

St. Andrew's Entertainment.

The scholars of the Presbyterian Sabbath School gave a very enjoyable Christmas entertainment in the basement of the church last Thursday evening. The basement was very prettily decorated with evergreens, flags, and Paris ribbon crepe. The program which was a varied one, comprising songs, recitations, choruses, and action songs, was well rendered and much enjoyed by a good audience, reflecting great credit on Mrs. H. Murphy and Mrs. Urquhart who had charge of the training. The choruses by the school were particularly well done. At the conclusion of the program the venerable Santa Claus appeared on the scene with a light step in a bright and joyous mood with a welcome and a Merry Christmas to us all. Soon the children were made very happy as old Santa, out of his treasure distributed to them just the very things they were wanting, and asking mother about. With the singing of "God save the King" a pleasant and prosperous gathering was brought to a close.

Alix News.

Mr. Roy Cairns and Mrs. and Mrs. Cruikshank spent their Xmas holidays in Stettler.

The Xmas tree in connection with the Union S. S. in Steers Hall on Thursday evening was a decided success. The children, under the leadership of Mr. J. E. Steers, sang several pieces and gave evidence of careful training. The part of Santa Claus was played by Mr. Geo. Green Jr., and the presents he handed them from the Xmas tree gave the children great satisfaction. Over two hundred persons were present on the occasion.

On Friday last Miss Monica, our poster teacher, and her pupils

gave an entertainment to the parents and other friends. Songs, recitations and exercises were given to the great delight of all present. Prizes were distributed to the deserving pupils and fruits and candies were given to all.

The same evening a very successful entertainment was given in connection with the Sunday school in the church, Lamerton. Rev. Wm. Hamilton occupied the chair. After an excellent program was rendered Santa Claus with a liberal hand distributed his favors.

Mr. Bashaw, having erected some outhouses in connection with his new lumber yard, is now engaged in the erection of a dwelling house suited for his family.

Mr. James D. Hamilton, Royal Bank Calgary, spent his Xmas holidays with friends here.

A loading platform has been erected at the C. P. R. station, and is found to be a great convenience to the public.

Bentley News.

The Christmas Cantata was attended by a full house, and everyone was pleased at the great success of the affair from start to finish. The bright costumes worn by the "Frost Queen", Fairies and others, together with the makeup of other nationalities were greatly appreciated by the crowd. The numerous presents distributed from the trees showed the Christmas spirit and good will to be enjoyed in our little village. At the close the crowd voted a hearty thanks to Miss Ross for her work in making this a success.

Dr. W. G. Evans is very busy these days.

Mrs. James McPherson and sons Lyman and Lawrence, leave on Tuesday for a two months visit with relatives in Wisconsin.

Mr. George Garrie and family left Monday for and extended visit in Nebraska.

Don't forget the dance at McPherson's Hall, New Year's Eve. The dance at Rimbey, on Dec. 23rd was reported broken up by a wild west cow puncher. While we do not want to boast, we think the people of this Bentley district

for the quiet and orderly dance held here, and we know that Rimbey is just as anxious to preserve a good name in this way too, so the only thing to do is to get down and out those who insist on having a rough house, at any public meeting. Western Canada will tolerate this sort of thing as long as the Western States did.

Miss Grace Gibson, of the Edmonton city schools is spending her Xmas holidays with friends here.

We expect a return game, from the Thomsville hockey team, at Bentley on Friday afternoon.

The Western Grain Route.

Ambitious Vancouver is looking forward to the time when it will be one of the country's grain exporting ports. It is pointed out for that port that Calgary, for instance is about one thousand miles nearer an ocean than Winnipeg is. For that reason it is argued by coast people that much of the produce of Alberta must eventually find its way to foreign markets via Vancouver instead of through Montreal. One advantage of the westerly route is found in the fact that the Pacific port is open all the year, while the St. Lawrence is closed during the winter months. The opening of the Panama Canal should materially increase the popularity of the Western outlet, as will also the completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern Railways, with their comparatively low grades across British Columbia to tide water.

Considerable grain has already been shipped via Vancouver, and the Canadian Pacific Railway is now erecting a mechanical sacking plant at that port. The Alberta and British Columbia governments have been conferring with a view to co-operation in the erection of terminal elevators at Vancouver.

The University of Copenhagen, by first institution of learning to recognize Dr. Frederick A. Cook as the discoverer of the North Pole, today solemnly declared that the explorer had failed to establish the claim upon which his high honors had been based.